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SUBJ: NARCOTICS ACTION PROGRAM

REF: A. BEIRUT 2897, B. STATE 0434080, C. BEIRUT 01580

1. APPRECIATE INFORMATION PROVIDED REF A AND HOPE GOL ABLE
TAKE ADVANTAGE US TRAINING OFFERS FY 73.

2. RE NARCOTICS BUREAU COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, REGRET
WE STILL HAVE INSUFFICIENT DATA ON WHICH TO BASE INTELLI-
GENT PROCUREMENT ACTION. BELIEVE IT MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS
IF WE SENT COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST TDY BEIRUT ASAP TO
WORK WITH YOU AND GOL TO SURVEY COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS
BOTH CUSTOMS AND NARCOTICS BUREAU AND TO IDENTIFY EQUIPMENT
CAPABLE OF PROVIDING MOST SATISFACTORY FULLY INTEGRATED
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. THIS WOULD REDUCE TRAFFIC ON SUB-
JECT, ACCELERATE PROCUREMENT ACTION, PERMIT EFFECTIVE AND
ECONOMIC UTILIZATION OF FUNDS AND ENSURE DEVELOPMENT OF
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RELIABLE AND DURABLE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.

3. WE NOTE CUSTOMS EQUIPMENT REQUEST INCLUDES SEVEN SEDANS/ STATION WAGONS AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS. HOWEVER, EMBASSY ACTION PLAN (REF C) STATES GOL CUSTOMS INCLUDES PROPOSED NARCOTICS SQUAD OF ONE OFFICER, ONE SERGEANT AND

THREE GUARDS FOR FY 74. WE WONDER IF CUSTOMS NARCOTICS SQUAD BEING INCREASED AND IF ALL VEHICLES REQUESTED WILL BE FULLY UTILIZED FOR NARCOTICS INTERDICTION. OUR CONCERN MOTIVATED BY REQUIREMENT REQUEST EQUIPMENT PURCHASED FROM NARCOTICS FUNDS LIMITED TO ANTI- DRUG USE.

4. DEPARTMENT NOW PROCESSING REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO AUTHORIZE ALLOCATION OF ANTI- NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE FUNDS TO LEBANON, AS GOL NON- AID RECIPIENT. PROCESSING INCLUDES DRAFT AGREEMENT WHICH IS VEHICLE FOR EMBASSY TO FORMALIZE NARCOTICS SUPPORT TRANSACTIONS WITH GOL. JOINTLY SIGNED AGREEMENT REQUIRED FOR OBLIGATION OF FUNDS WE HAVE PROMISED TO ALLOCATE. FYI. AGREEMENT WILL CONTAIN AMONG OTHER PROVISIONS, REQUIREMENT THAT ANY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED GOL FOR ITS NARCOTICS BUREAU AND CUSTOMS SERVICE BE END- USE AUDITED AND INSPECTED PERIODICALLY BY USG. END FYI. ROGERS

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